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SUBJECT: CODEL ERLENBORN OPENS AMERICAN ART SHOW IN IASI, ROMANIA

IASI, ROMANIA--CONGRESSMAN JOHN N. ERLENBORN (R-ILL.)  
OPENED AN AMERICAN-SPONSORED EXHIBIT OF 70 PAINTINGS OF THE  
AMERICAN WEST IN THIS NORTHEASTERN ROMANIAN PROVINCIAL CAPITAL  
MARCH 29. THE CONGRESSMAN WAS THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN REPRESENTA-  
TIVE AT THE SHOW, ORGANIZED BY THE AMON CARTER MUSEUM OF WESTERN  
ART, FORTH WORTH, TEXAS, WHICH IS TOURING EASTERN EUROPE UNDER  
U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY SPONSORSHIP.

IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, REPRESENTATIVE ERLENBORN NOTED THE  
GOOD CLIMATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE UNITED  
STATES, AND INVITED THE 300 ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND  
STUDENTS PRESENT "TO SHARE WITH ME A JOURNEY TO THE AMERICAN WEST,  
AS IT WAS SEEN BY SOME OF OUR MOST PROMINENT 19TH CENTURY  
AMERICAN ARTISTS." THE EXHIBIT INCLUDED WORKS BY REMINGTON,  
BIERSTADT AND CATLIN AND NUMEROUS ARTIFACTS OF THE AMERICAN WEST,  
INCLUDING ANTIQUE TOOLED LEATHER SADDLES AND INDIAN BEADWORK.

SEVERAL HIGH-RANKING MEMBERS OF THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT WERE  
PRESENT AT THE EXHIBIT'S OPENING IN THE IASI CULTURAL PALACE, A  
LARGE 19TH CENTURY MUSEUM. PROF. DAN HATMANU, OF THE UNION OF  
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PLASTIC ARTISTS, SAID, "THESE WORKS WILL BE STUDIED WITH GREAT

INTEREST BY OUR AUDIENCES." HE ADDED THAT THE EXHIBIT ON THE AMERICAN WEST "REPRESENTS SOMETHING VERY NEW FOR THE GREAT MAJORITY OF OUR AUDIENCE. IT CAN BE CONSIDERED A DOCUMENTARY OF THE DRIVE TOWARD HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT COVERING THE LAST TWO CENTURIES."

DURING HIS ROMANIAN VISIT REPRESENTATIVE ERLNBORN WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT A LUNCHEON HELD BY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, HARRY G. BARNES, JR., FOR ROMANIAN DEPUTIES AND OFFICIALS, AND MET WITH SEVERAL ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT, MEDIA, AND EDUCATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING AMERICAN AND ROMANIAN FULBRIGHT GRANTEES.  
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